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**GOVERNOR CRIST REQUESTS FEDERAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION IN
RESPONSE TO TROPICAL STORM FAY**

~ Assistance sought for Florida counties impacted by Tropical Storm Fay~

TALLAHASSEE – Governor Charlie Crist today has made a request to the President of the United States, through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), that the State of Florida receive an Emergency Declaration to assist Florida counties that were impacted by Tropical Storm Fay and the epic flooding in Brevard County, as well as those that continue to be impacted as the storm moves across the state.

“Florida is facing a serious, catastrophic weather system,” said Governor Crist. “This request is important for Florida counties and we look forward to working with our Federal partners as the request is considered.”

This request is specifically for assistance through the Public Assistance program, in categories A and B- to assist in debris removal and protective measures counties have taken to ensure the safety of their residents during this storm.

“Our goal is to remain proactive with efforts to identify all potential sources of assistance,” said Craig Fugate, Director of the Florida Division of Emergency Management. “These emergency funds will help us to mitigate some of the costs faced by the counties due to this storm.”

State officials, in partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, are currently conducting damage assessments in counties that were impacted by the storm. These assessments will continue as the storm moves through Florida.

The State Emergency Response Team continues to monitor Tropical Storm Fay and is prepared to respond to local governments as needed.

For additional information on Tropical Storm Fay and the State Emergency Response Team, please visit the Florida Division of Emergency Management online at: www.FloridaDisaster.org

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